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SUBJ: SOVIET INTERVENTION IN UNSC DEBATE ON ZAMBIAN
COMPLAINT

1. DURING UNSC MEETING ON ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT JULY 29,
SOVIET DEPUTY PERM REP KHARLAMOV INCLUDED IN HIS REMARKS
STATEMENTS ABOUT THE MOTIVES AND INTENTIONS OF UNNAMED
"POWERS IN THE WEST", INCLUDING STANDARD REFERENCES TO
NATO AND REMARKS CASTING DOUBT ON GOOD FAITH OF US IN
EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF SOUTHERN
AFRICAN TENSIONS. FOR THE RECORD, TEXT OF KHARLAMOV'S
REMARKS FOLLOWS:

2. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS MUST BE BORNE NOT ONLY BY
RACIST REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA BUT ALSO BY THOSE
POWERS IN WEST WHICH ARE HELPING SOUTH AFRICA TO STRENGTHEN
ITS MILITARY FORCES, WHICH ARE PROVIDING IT WITH A SURFEIT
OF WEAPONS AND ASSISTING IT IN BUILDING MILITARY BASES
AND AIRFIELDS, WHICH ARE ENGAGING IN BROAD-BASED
ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION WITH IT AND HAVE EXPANDING CONTACTS
WITH IT IN OTHER FIELDS. THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME IS RELYING
HEAVILY ON THIS ASSISTANCE FROM MEMBERS OF NORTH ATLANTIC
TREATY ORGANIZATION. COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING
SOUTH AFRICAN RACIST REGIME ARE NOT ONLY CO-OPERATING
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EXTENSIVELY WITH SOUTH AFRICA BUT ARE ALSO SHOWING A WILLINGNESS

TO INCREASE THEIR MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO IT, THUS HELPING
TO MAKE IT MORE AGGRESSIVE.

3. THIS SORT OF BALANCING ACT BETWEEN FEIGNED OPPOSITION
TO, AND COVERT SUPPORT OF APARTHEID IS SOMETHING THAT
WESTERN COUNTRIES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ENGAGED IN. THEY
HAVE BEEN CLOSING THEIR EYES TO ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL
CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESS DEALINGS BETWEEN THEM AND
SOUTH AFRICA INVOLVING BUILD-UP OF A NUCLEAR POTENTIAL.
BEHIND BACKS OF AFRICANS, CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE
EXPANDING THEIR RELATIONS WITH SOUTHAFRICA, AT A FAIRLY
HIGH LEVEL. IN COURSE OF THESE CONTACTS AND DEALINGS--
AND THIS FACT HAS EVEN BEEN ADMITTED BY PRESS
IN SOURH AFRICA--IT WAS DECIDED THAT THERE IS TO BE FURTHER
EXPANSION OF CONTACTS AND RELATIONSHIPS IN ALL FIELDS.

4. NOW WHAT IS THIS? I CALL IT SUPPORT. YOU CAN VERBALLY
OBJECT TO RACISM AND APARTHEID AND SPEAK AGAINST
CONTINUATION OF PRESENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF RACIST
REGIME; BUT IF YOU HELP IT, IF YOU ENGAGE IN EXTENSIVE
ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH IT, IF YOU SELL IT WEAPONS,
IF YOU HELP IT TO BUILD BASES, WHAT IS THAT IF NOT DIRECT
SUPPORT TO STRENGTHEN AND UPHOLD THAT REGIME?

5. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT AS THOSE RELATIONS HAVE
INCREASED, AGGRESSIVINESS OF SOUTH AFRICA HAS LIKEWISE BEEN
INCREASING. CONTACTS BETWEEN VOSTER, HEAD OF SOUTH AFRICAN
APARTHEID REGIME, AND A NUMBER OF STATESMEN NOT ONLY
STRENGTHEN HIS POSITION, AS SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS HAS
SAID, BUT ALSO GIVE HIM ASSURANCE--AND THIS WAS SAID BY A
SOUTH AFRICAN PAPER--THAT THE NATO COUNTRIES HAVE
ENTERED INTO AN UNOFFICIAL ALLIANCE DESIGNED TO SAVE
SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE WEST.

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